

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

**ORDER GRANTING TRUSTEE’S MOTION AND MEMORANDUM OF LAW TO
AFFIRM HIS DETERMINATIONS DENYING THE CLAIMS OF
NEIL E. BOTWINOFF, ROBERT E. HELPERN, JOEL S. HIRSCHTRITT,
RALPH A. SICILIANO, VINCENT J. SYRACUSE AND MICHAEL G. TANNENBAUM**

Upon consideration of the Trustee’s Motion and Memorandum of Law to Affirm His Determinations Denying the Claims of Neil E. Botwinoff, Robert E. Helpern, Joel S. Hirschtritt, Ralph A. Siciliano, Vincent J. Syracuse and Michael G. Tannenbaum (the “Motion”) (ECF No. 19202), filed by Irving H. Picard, trustee (“Trustee”) for the substantively consolidated liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa *et seq.*, and the chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been given and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Claims¹ to be disallowed and Objection to be overruled are identified in Exhibit 1 to the

¹ All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed in the Motion.

Declaration of Vineet Sehgal in support of the Motion (the “Sehgal Declaration”) (ECF No. 19204); and the Court having reviewed the Motion, the Sehgal Declaration and the Declaration of Jason I. Blanchard in support of the Motion (ECF No. 19203); and the Trustee having filed a certificate of no objection representing that no objection has been received and that no party has indicated to the Trustee that it intends to oppose the relief requested in the Motion; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion as set forth herein is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, creditors, and all parties in interest; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Motion is granted to the extent provided herein; and it is further

ORDERED that the Claims listed on Exhibit 1 hereto under the heading “Claims and Objections” are disallowed and the Trustee’s Claims determinations are affirmed; and it is further

ORDERED that the Objection listed on Exhibit 1 hereto under the heading “Claims and Objections” is overruled; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: **March 24th, 2020**
New York, New York

/s/ STUART M. BERNSTEIN
HONORABLE STUART M. BERNSTEIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE